

congregation and told them not to go to NY and large cities looking for work because there was none to be had for blacks because whites were preferred

1903 Rev. Herbert Bell

1944 building destroyed by fire

St. Stephen AME

Organized in 1865

Old building torn down and new constructed on same site 1887

Sept. 1898 Booker T. Washington spoke to congregation

No newspaper references 1898-1899

1900 Rev. Lewis T. Christmas sermon -- "Hope of the Colored People in America"

1903 Rev. John E. Jackson

1909 Pres. Taft visited church

Mt. Olive AME

1873 church at corner of 2nd and Dawson burned

1879 new building on 2nd, between Dawson & Wright

1898 Rev. A. Stroud

1901 Rev. James C. Waters

1903 Rev./ W. H. Manokoo

1907 burned and new church at SE corner of Seventh and Wright

No newspaper references 1898-1901

Mt. Zion

1873 Cornerstone laid

1886/87 Destroyed by fire

1880 Sermon by Rev. Isaiah Aldridge denounced Judge Daniel Russell for calling blacks savages and said that Russell was growing too proud. Aldridge spoke of the progress of blacks, pointing out that they were obedient slaves. He said he had no faith in Russell's "friendship" to blacks and said he wouldn't vote or support anyone who endorsed Russell. Aldridge then published article in *Morning Star* denouncing Russell and stating that he planned to vote for Republican ticket, also stating that he had been told to be quiet or be removed as pastor of church.

1889-90 Rev. J.S. Brown pastor

1895 Rev. L.B. Sims

1898 Rev. James W. Telfair

No newspaper references 1898-1900

1900 destroyed by fire

1900 Rev. J.H. Hall

1901 Rev. R.R. Nichols and new cornerstone laid with Odd Fellows help

1903 Rev. Joseph L. Hall

1944 Old church condemned

1946 New church constructed at 1111 N. 5th Street

St. Phillip AME Zion

Organized as St. Daniel's in Acorn Branch Community, now Wrightsboro, and built church

1906 new church constructed under Pastor Rev. Elijah Green and cornerstone laid 1911

1913 new name to St. Phillip

1975 new building

St. Thomas Catholic

Built in 1847, was integrated till 1911 when Bishop turned it over to black members and white members built new church

Gregory Congregational Church

Grew out of New England Missionary movement, American Missionary Association purchased land in 1868 and constructed a church

1880 new brick church

1884 called Christ's Congregational Church

1895 Rev. Sims left and F.T. Waters left in control

1901 Rev. John Adams

1904 Colored Law and Order Society of Wilmington established to unite blacks and to "insure domestic tranquility" in Wilmington by emphasizing home ownership, character improvement and obeying the law